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Applicant: Nuber et al.  
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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on March 1, 2007, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicants request that the application be republished because Werner Stockhausen and Michael Stroder were not listed as inventors on the front page of the patent application publication.

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The request for corrected publication, received on March 1, 2007, was not timely filed under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

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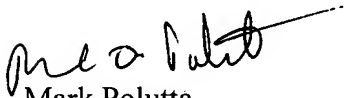
<sup>1</sup>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

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